

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (SMPH) UPDATE

JANUARY 2009

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CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dean Robert Golden, MD, and Patricia Kokotailo, MD, MPH, associate dean for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs, announce the institution of the Centennial Scholars Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. The goal of this program is to develop faculty whose diversity will enhance the quality of our academic activities. The program will place an emphasis on recruiting underrepresented minority faculty (CHS and tenure tracks) who will serve in research, education, and leadership roles. Benefits will include salary support for protected

academic time for an initial five-year period, with a possibility of renewal for another term. Dr. Hector Valdivia will serve as chair of the advisory committee to the program.

Applications and additional information may be obtained from either Dr. Valdivia, valdivia@physiology.wisc.edu, or Dr. Kokotailo, pkkokota@pediatrics.wisc.edu.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM – WELLNESS OPTIONS AT WORK

UW Health employees can benefit from a new wellness program. The Wellness Options at Work is a collaborative effort of UWHC, UWMF and SMPH. Each organization's existing wellness programs have been combined to create a more inclusive and holistic wellness program.

All UW Health employees and faculty can participate in the program's activities and educational resources to help manage stress, refrain from tobacco use, increase physical activity, reach and maintain a healthy weight, manage alcohol and drug addictions, maintain good nutrition and improve general health.

The mission of Wellness Options at Work is to offer and promote activities, education and resources to all UW Health employees and faculty and support them in changing behaviors and making healthier choices. The vision is for UW Health to be a wellness leader by creating and supporting a healthy culture.

SPRING AND SUMMER NON-CREDIT AND SEMINAR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Research Education and Career Development Core is pleased to announce ICTR's 2009 Spring and Summer non-credit workshop and seminar training opportunities. For more information about these non-credit offerings, contact Karin Silet at 608-262-3903 or silet@wisc.edu.

- A new workshop series in **Clinical Research Study Design** will be held monthly beginning **January 14**, and ending with a poster session at the Short Course in Clinical Research, June 10, 2009. This workshop is intended for postdoctoral clinical fellows who will participate in hands-on learning activities that prepare them to design a research protocol for a quantitative study.
- The annual **Short Course in Clinical Research** will be held **June 10 and 11**. It will provide medical students and other novice researchers an introduction to basic knowledge and skills needed to conduct clinical and translational research in today's rapidly changing medical environment.
- For novice researchers who would like to develop basic skills in the preparation of grants and manuscripts, the **Scientific Writing Workshops** will be held on **March 26 and 27**. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants in each workshop.

MEDICAL EDUCATION DAY SCHEDULED, APRIL 15

Mark your calendars for the annual SMPH Medical Education Day, which will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at the HSLC. Schedule and registration information will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Maureen Gerarden at mgerarden@wisc.edu or 265-3859.

THE SURVEY OF THE HEALTH OF WISCONSIN (SHOW) UPDATE

The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) team looks forward to continuing their work in 2009. They will continue to visit Wisconsin residents to establish a database that researchers and policymakers can use to help build healthier communities.

SHOW is one of a number of projects supported by the Wisconsin Partnership for a Healthy Future, which represents a far-reaching commitment by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health to greatly improve the health of people in Wisconsin for years to come. For more information, visit SHOW's Web site, at www.show.wisc.edu.

CALLS TO ACTION

MENTORS SOUGHT FOR SHAPIRO SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Shapiro Summer Research Program provides opportunities for more than 50 first-year medical students to participate in eight- to 12-week summer research projects with UW faculty members. The dean's office provides 50 percent of the stipend support for approved projects. Faculty researchers with basic science, clinical, translational, public health or health systems projects are needed to provide research training experiences for interested students.

Faculty members may submit a brief description of their project online at <http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/summeropps.php>, or contact Lynne Cleeland, assistant dean for academic affairs, at lmcleela@wisc.edu or 265-6045.

Project descriptions will be posted and faculty will be contacted directly by interested students. More information about the program can be found at http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/student_research/index.php.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: FIFTH ANNUAL GLOBAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM, deadline for submissions extended to January 9

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: January 9
WHEN: February 4, 5-9 pm
WHERE: HSLC 1306

“Wisconsin and the World: Working Together for Sustainable Health”

Are you interested or involved in global health? You are cordially invited to attend, share your work with the UW community, and learn from others. The UW-Madison Center for Global Health will sponsor its fifth annual symposium to highlight the exciting global health efforts of UW faculty, staff, and students, as well as colleagues from the Madison area and beyond. **We welcome presentations and participants from all disciplines that contribute to the improvement of global health or the conditions necessary for health.**

Submission requirements: Abstracts should be sent via e-mail to Betsy Teigland at the Center for Global Health, teigland@wisc.edu (300 word maximum.) Include a background statement of the problem and context, description of the project and participants, and outcomes if available. In the heading of your abstract, please provide your name, e-mail address, phone number, UW affiliation, the country where you have worked and a title for your presentation. Abstracts will be posted on the Center for Global Health Web site. Deadline for submissions is extended to January 9.

Attendance at the symposium is free of charge, open to the public and no registration is required. For more information, please contact Betsy Teigland at teigland@wisc.edu or 262-3862.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RELEASES NEW CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS, letters of intent deadline, January 12

A new career development Request for Applications (RFA) has just been released from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), with a particular emphasis on reaching National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) loan repayment recipients. Letters of Intent are due January 12.

The overall goal of NIH-supported career development programs is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

For more information, go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-09-001.html>

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH, applications accepted January 15

The UW-Madison Center for Global Health invites **graduate students** and **mid-career professionals** to consider applying for the Certificate in Global Health, a collaborative offering of UW faculty from the Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and the Division of International Studies. Through a nine-credit program that includes a global health field experience, the certificate prepares candidates to address health issues that transcend national boundaries, with an emphasis on health and disease in developing countries. The program is based in the Department of Population Health Sciences of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and is administered by the Center for Global Health. **Applications will be accepted beginning January 15.**

Available as a **Graduate Certificate** to professional students in the health sciences and graduate students in health-related fields, and available as a **Capstone Certificate** to health care practitioners and persons who have a BA or BS in a health-related field, the Certificate in Global Health program meets the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students with an interest in global health. Recognizing that candidates may want to develop global health skills while continuing with full-time employment, the core courses are offered outside the workday and are web-enhanced for easy access to course materials and increased opportunities to interact with faculty and students. To read about our current students and graduates from the Certificate program, go to <http://www.pophealth.wisc.edu/gh/studentsinthefield.htm>.

A detailed description of the certificate and an application form are available on the Center for Global Health website, <http://www.pophealth.wisc.edu/gh/certificate.htm>. **The application deadline for 2009-2010 is April 15.**

For more information, contact Betsy Teigland, network and resource coordinator, Center for Global Health, at teigland@wisc.edu.

2008-09 ACADEMIC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS, deadline is January 30

The SMPH CASI would like to remind you of the 2008-2009 Academic Staff Excellence award nomination period, announced November 13. The deadline for UW-Madison nominations is January 30.

Carolyn "Biddy" Martin is please to announce the 18th year of the UW-Madison Academic Staff Excellence Awards. This year, nine extraordinary people will be honored for achievement in seven categories. In addition, UW System will honor academic staff in two categories. Recipients of the UW-Madison Academic Staff Excellence Awards will be named in March and honored both

at the May Academic Staff Assembly meeting and at a reception that Martin will host in late spring.

Martin says, "I am most grateful to the Wisconsin Alumni Association, and to emeritus academic staff members Robert Heideman, Martha Casey, and Ann Wallace for their continued sponsorship of these awards. I would also like to thank the Academic Staff Assembly's Professional Development and Recognition Committee for coordinating the awards process.

"I strongly urge you to participate in these fine programs by forwarding nominations for those academic staff who exemplify the sustained excellence, outstanding achievement, and creative initiative that characterize this world-renowned university."

Nomination guidelines and cover pages for all awards can be found at <http://facstaff.wisc.edu/awards.html>. Nomination packets for all awards (including UW System and Regents awards) should be sent to the Office of the Secretary of the Academic Staff, 270 Bascom Hall, 500 Lincoln Drive.

Deadlines as shown below are firm. Follow the submission instructions for each separate award carefully. If you have questions regarding the awards, please contact Colleen McCabe at 263-2985, or email at cmccabe@wisc.edu.

DO YOU HAVE POLYCYSTIC OVARIAN SYNDROME (PCOS)?

The UW is seeking non-pregnant, non-lactating, women with and without PCOS, age 18-38 years for a research study about metabolism. To be eligible for this study you must:

- Not have diabetes or a significant change in weight in the past month
- Not be currently taking medications for diabetes, depression, weight loss or hormonal birth control
- Be willing to participate in a hospital stay lasting approximately 26 hours.

Office visits and medical evaluations will be provided at no cost. Participants will receive compensation for their time.

For more information about this study please call (608) 262-9745.

OVERWEIGHT STUDY VOLUNTEERS

Research Study: Effects of body fat on blood vessel function.

You are invited to participate in a **research study** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, department of kinesiology.

Must be 18-49 years old and a non-smoker.

You will receive \$10 per hour of participation.

Participants must not be taking heart or blood pressure medications. Birth control use is allowed. Study requires two visits totaling 5 hours. Procedures include measuring blood flow in arm and leg muscles with ultrasound, mild to moderate arm and leg exercise, and placing a hand or foot in ice water to temporarily increase blood pressure. One blood sample is required to test blood lipids and sugars.

Please contact Mike De Vita, BS, 263-6308, mddevita@wisc.edu; or Gregory Blain, PhD, gblain@wisc.edu

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THOMSON RECEIVES MASSRY PRIZE

UW-Madison scientist James Thomson was among three stem cell researchers who received the Massry prize for 2008.

Eight of the award's recipients have gone on to receive the Nobel Prize.

The other two honorees are Shinya Yamanaka, a scientist at Kyoto University in Japan, and Rudolf Jaenisch, professor of biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Thomson and Yamanaka were honored for the 2007 discovery that cells from adult tissue such as skin could be reprogrammed back to an embryonic state. Jaenisch was recognized for related work.

The discovery offers an alternative to human embryonic stem cells because the technique does not use or destroy embryos.

It also could pave the way for treatments that could be genetically matched to patients.

The prize was established by the Meira and Shaul G. Massry Foundation in 1996 to recognize outstanding contributions to the advancement of health. It was given out last month and includes a substantial honorarium.

WESTGARD FEATURED IN TWO PUBLICATIONS

James Westgard, PhD, Emeritus Faculty, was featured this month in Medical Lab Observer and was also published in the 3rd edition of Basic Method Validation. To view the features, click on the links below:

http://www.mlo-online.com/features/2008_november/1108_executive_snapshot.aspx.

<http://www.westgard.com/basicmvbook.htm>

WIEBE NAMED AACC'S MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Donald A. Wiebe, PhD, DABCC, FACB, associate professor in pathology and laboratory medicine, SMPH, was named the December 2008 Mentor of the Month for the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC). Wiebe serves as director of both the chemistry and toxicology laboratories.

AACC is an international scientific/medical society of clinical laboratory professionals, physicians, research scientists and other individuals involved with clinical chemistry and related disciplines.

HEALTH SCIENCES EVENTS

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH (CWHR) MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING, January 6

"Ovarian folliculogenesis revisited"

Sana Salih, MD, BIRCWH scholar

WHEN: January 6, 8-9 am

WHERE: Meriter Hospital, 202 S. Park Street

Lower Level Cafeteria, Conference Room B (located directly behind the cashier station)

Breakfast beverages will be provided by the Center. Please tell the cashier you are attending the CWHR meeting as you go through the line.

TAKE AN SMPH WEB SITE SURVEY, GET FREE COOKIES, January 6 and 8

Who wants free cookies?

UW Health's e-Health Office is creating a new SMPH Web site, <http://med.wisc.edu>. Web editors are seeking input from students and faculty about the current SMPH site, as well as what features should be included in the new site. UW Health's e-Health Office would like to treat you to a little post-holiday snack. All you have to do is take a survey.

WHEN: January 6 and 8, 11am-3 pm
WHERE: HSLC Atrium

The e-Health Office is reviewing an initial design for the new Web site and has begun testing an accompanying content management system. In addition, improvements will be made to the current site, such as creating a more logical navigation structure, updating or deleting outdated content, fixing broken links and ensuring consistency in style. These actions will make the transition to the new site much more efficient.

The new SMPH site is scheduled to launch in May. Further enhancements will include the implementation of Web 2.0 technologies such as social networking, audio and video.

You can follow the progress of the new SMPH Web site at <http://www.med.wisc.edu/about/website.php>. Anyone with suggestions regarding content or design for the current or new SMPH site is encouraged to contact Theresa Plenty, tplenty@uwhealth.org, or Eric Klister, eklister@uwhealth.org, Web editors at UW Health's e-Health Office.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN CLINICAL INVESTIGATION INFORMATION SESSIONS, January 7 and 21

The UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) will hold Brown Bag information sessions for the Master's Degree in Clinical Investigation.

WHEN: January 7 and 21, noon-1 pm
WHERE: 1258 HSLC

For more information on this new degree program, please visit the ICTR Web site at <http://www.uwictr.wisc.edu/node/26>

EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTH POLICY PROJECT BRIEFING ON "RX FOR RNS: ADDRESSING THE NURSING SHORTAGE," January 8

Dr. Janet Allan, dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing
Judy Warmuth, vice president, Workforce Development at Wisconsin Hospital Association

RSVP: January 5
WHEN: January 8, 9-10:30 am

WHERE: State Capitol, 300 SE

The Briefing will provide an opportunity to learn from state and national experts regarding the causes and implications of the nursing shortage, as well as successful state initiatives to recruit, retain and advance nurses.

Continental breakfast will be served. RSVP by January 5 to cerijenkins@wisc.edu, or 262-2318.

**7TH ANNUAL SMPH MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM: "TRANSFORMING
CURIOSITY INTO INQUIRY,"** January 20

WHEN: January 20, Noon-5 pm
WHERE: HSLC Atrium

More than 50 poster and podium research presentations by second-year medical students. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

For a complete schedule of events, go to
http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/md/student_research/fall_forum.php.

For more information, contact Lynne Cleeland, assistant dean for academic affairs, at
lmcleela@wisc.edu.

CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH CONFERENCE, January 20

"Ca²⁺ influx through T and L-type channels induces different cardiac phenotypes"
Steven R. Houser, PhD, FAHA, Laura H. Carnell Professor of Physiology and Medicine; chair, Department of Physiology; director, Cardiovascular Research Center, Temple University.

WHEN: January 20, 4 pm
WHERE: 1325 HSLC

The conference is sponsored by the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and the UW Cardiovascular Research Center (CVRC). For more information, contact Hector H. Valdivia, MD, PhD, professor, Physiology, at valdivia@physiology.wisc.edu, or the CVRC at info@cvrc.wisc.edu.

UW HEALTH'S "SING FOR THE CHILDREN 2" FUNDRAISER, January 24

Sing for the Children 2 is a musical revue featuring many talented UW Health employees to benefit American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH).

WHEN: January 24, 1:30pm and 7:30pm*
WHERE: Orpheum Theatre, 216 State Street, Downtown Madison
COST: \$10 General Admission
\$25 VIP (includes reserved seating and a complimentary T-shirt)

*Doors open 45 minutes in advance, show runs approximately 2 hours
Attend "Sing for the Children 2" and you could win a Sharp 42" LCD TV.

This event is an encore to "Sing for the Children," which was hailed a "spectacular event" in March 2007, and drew nearly 1,300 spectators of UW Health employees and their families.

EBLING LIBRARY NEWS

Intersession and weather can bring adjusted hours in the Library. If unsure of our hours, please visit: <http://ebling.library.wisc.edu/index.cfm>.

Lost and Found

Now that winter has arrived, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and sweaters are starting to pile up in the Lost and Found. If you think you have left clothing, coffee mugs, iPods, etc., somewhere in the Library's space, it might be in the Lost and Found area behind the 2nd floor service desk. Call our desk at (608) 262-2020 and the staff will check the shelf.

New Artist

The Library anticipates a new installation of photographs by Vidal Hernandez in the 3rd floor Ebling Galleries in early January. Visit our Web site for details. <http://ebling.library.wisc.edu/artatebling/index.cfm>

Hand's On Workshop

"Effective PubMed Searching"

WHEN: January 30, Noon-1 pm

WHERE: HSLC 2121

http://ebling.library.wisc.edu/classes_tutorials/details.cfm?session_id=392

IME VIDEO LIBRARY UPDATE

Great talks added to the IME Video Library include

[Staying Healthy in a Sick Organization](#)

Kathleen Paris, PhD

[New Research in Liver Transplantation](#)

H.T. Lee, MD, PhD

[The Truth about Diets](#)

Gail Underbakke, MS, RD

Contact Michelle Ostmo at ostmoe@wisc.edu or 263-3615 with any questions or comments.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

SMPH Update newsletter: Please send your news items and events to Amanda White, UW Health Marketing and Public Affairs, at awhite3@uwhealth.org. The deadline for the monthly issue is the 20th of each month. If you have a submission for the next SMPH Update, please send no later than Tuesday, January 20. The SMPH Update newsletter is distributed on the 1st of each month.

SMPH Web site: Please send submissions to

- Theresa Plenty, web editor, UW Health e-Health Office, at tplenty@uwhealth.org or 266-6171
- Eric Klister, web editor, UW Health e-Health Office, at eklister@uwhealth.org.

We appreciate your participation in submitting news items for future issues.

Archived issues of the SMPH Update can be found at <http://www.med.wisc.edu/admin/> under "Resources for Faculty and Academic Staff."

Thank you!